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Program Management Analyst, GS0343—13 RGAD-ECO PD#

Introduction

This position is located in the Enforcement Coordination Office within the Office of the Regional Administrator in U.S. EPA Region 7. The incumbent reports directly to the Director of the Enforcement Coordination Office. The incumbent provides confidential advice and guidance to the Office of the Regional Administrator as well as other senior management officials on matters pertaining to compliance, enforcement and environmental justice (EJ). The position serves as a focal point for coordinating policies, procedures, issues, and other matters pertaining to enforcement, compliance and EJ. This would include, but not be limited to, soliciting and synthesizing planning and policy development information from Region 7 program offices, analyzing options, and developing recommended regional positions to Region 7 senior managers. It also involves identifying EJ areas of concern; and serving as a resource to regional and state managers in areas such as compliance monitoring, reporting and data verification, state oversight, enforcement planning and priority setting. This incumbent conducts analysis and assessments to promote implementation and integration of EJ principles in EPA work. The incumbent conducts specialized analysis with respect to the development and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations and policies, and the potential impacts on socio-economically disadvantaged communities and areas of concern. Responsibilities included carrying out programs, policies, and activities that substantially effect human health and/or the environment in a manner that ensures the meaningful involvement and participation by EJ areas of concern, communities and populations in agency decision making and public engagement processes. The incumbent also carries out various special projects and/or initiatives at the request and direction of the Regional Administrator, Deputy Regional Administrator, and Director. The incumbent must have broad knowledge of EPA programs to assure critical analysis, evaluation and coordination of program and EJ issues. In addition, the incumbent provides consultative advice to Senior Staff and other managers, regional staff and officials from other federal, tribal, state and local agencies, in the form of guidelines on interpretation and implementation of policy as set out in statutes, regulations, policy and guidance.

Major Duties

- The incumbent analyzes new/existing program and policy issues and evaluates their
 actual or potential effect on state, local EJ areas of concern and Region 7 programs.
 Plans, initiates and conducts (often as team lead) data interpretation phases of various
 management supported projects. Assures the accuracy and adequacy of project findings.
 Analyzes results and makes recommendations.
- Performs EJ work relating to the development and implementation of guidance and policy to address environmental concerns and issues, working in close coordination with the Director and Deputy Director. Helps coordinate cross-media and multimedia EJ activities with the participation of the states, other federal agencies, and tribes. Helps integrate these programs into a multimedia program that meets the environmental needs of the EJ population.

- Conducts detailed EJ screens and assessments to determine applicability of EPA
 programs and practices to EJ areas of concern. Analysis includes use of geospatial
 mapping, assessment tools, and government demographic, health and environmental data.
 Conducts analysis to support data quality reviews of EPA enforcement and compliance
 program data to ensure and certify quality and accuracy. Provides specialized data
 reporting capabilities and provides training on operation, policies, and data recording
 procedures.
- Ensures accurate implementation of EPA protocols for implementation of State Review Framework (SRF), state oversight, and other EPA oversight protocols.
- Incumbent serves as a Project Officer. The incumbent is expected to maintain current Project Officer Certification. The incumbent documents baseline monitoring requirements. Reviews applications and manages assistance agreements in accordance with agency policies, federal rules, and applicable regulations. Monitors grantee activities using progress reports, site-visits, desk reviews, as needed, to ensure compliance with agreed upon goals and timeframes. Maintains grant close out schedules as required.
- Regularly coordinates with Region 7 program offices on variety of topics which may impact delegated EJ programs or enforcement programs and related federal, state, and local partnerships.
- Directs overall coordination of federal agency, state and/or community EJ partnerships or
 enforcement programs within Region 7. The incumbent coordinates planning activities
 between Region 7 and Region 7 states. The incumbent may be called upon to resolve
 complex program and project issues. Problems may be highly complex, involving
 different media programs and may require the development of strategies and schedules to
 resolve.
- The incumbent will solicit feedback from senior managers within Region 7 as well as
 with key officials, managers and staff within states and local communities, to identify and
 determine EJ, enforcement and compliance issues or conflicting program requirements
 and develop solutions to complex project issues acceptable to all parties and interests
 involved.
- The incumbent will be called upon to provide outreach and technical assistance to entities such as states, local governments, and communities on controversial, precedent setting situations. The incumbent is expected to evaluate divergent professional opinions and define feasible options, including the consequence of their adoption. The incumbent is expected to be original and creative in seeking solutions lacking precedent.
- Serves as a regional and/or national authority in providing expert advice and assistance to senior management officials, other regions, headquarters and other federal, state, and local agencies on matters relating to the development, execution, and monitoring of environmentally significant and highly visible policies, plans, and programs affecting the region.
- Serves as a Program Specialist and provides expert advice to Senior Management in the development and implementation of concepts, policy guidance, and critical programs.
- Prepares reports, correspondence, and analyses for the Office of the Regional Administrator on identified regional issues and accomplishments. Work with responsible program/organizations to resolve problems in fulfilling planned activities.
- The incumbent is responsible to maintain a high level of confidentiality and is required to

exercise substantial discretion and judgment assisting the Regional Administrator, Deputy Regional Administrator, and Director with actions that have the authority to bind the government to a course of action; to determine budget priorities, and policy.

Present oral and written reports at conferences, meetings and seminars. Provides
expertise for data tracking, presentations, and prepares graphics/outreach materials.

- Identifying, analyzing, and evaluating issues, problems, and emerging trends; developing and recommending changes in operations.
- Assist in review of environmental legislation.
- Responsible for other duties as assigned.

FACTOR LEVEL DESCRIPTIONS

Knowledge Required By The Position (Level 1-8, 1550 points)

- Mastery of advanced management and organizational principles and practices along with a comprehensive knowledge of planning, programming, and budgeting regulations, guidelines and processes, and a knowledge of planning, acquisition, and management process to prepare long-range and short-range planning guidance in accordance with broad agency program policies and objectives. The work requires ability to direct complex studies requiring application of advanced analytical and statistical methods and techniques.
- Mastery of communication principles, methods, practices, and techniques is required that enable the incumbent to plan and develop information approaches and represent the region before communities, non-governmental organizations, elected representatives with regard to highly visible policies, plans, and programs.
- Mastery of a wide range of qualitative and/or quantitative methods for the assessment and improvement of program effectiveness or the improvement of complex management processes and systems. In addition, comprehensive knowledge of the range of laws, policies, regulations, and precedents applicable to the administration of one or more programs is needed.
- Knowledge of substantive nature of program and activities; EPA missions, policies and objectives; management principles and processes.
- Knowledge of the design and conduct of comprehensive management studies where the boundaries of the studies are broad and difficult to determine in advance; i.e., the actual limits of the project are developed as the study proceeds. Study objectives are to identify and propose solutions to management problems which are characterized by their breadth, importance, and severity, and for which previous studies and established management techniques are frequently inadequate.
- Skill to plan, organize, and direct team study work and to negotiate effectively with management to accept and implement recommendations, where the proposals involve substantial agency resources, require extensive changes in established procedures, or may be in conflict with the desires of the activity studied.
- The ability to effectively communicate, both orally and in writing. The ability to organize and present data and other information in a clear, concise manner.

Supervisory Controls (Level 2-4, 450 points)

- The supervisor sets the overall objectives and resources available. The employee and the supervisor, in consultation, develop the projects, deadlines, and other parameters of the work necessary to improve regional and national program operations and further environmental protection.
- The employee is responsible for independently planning, developing, coordinating, and evaluating programs, projects, activities, or other work to determine methods and approaches to resolve conflicts that arise, and for keeping the supervisor informed of controversial matters. Completed work is normally accepted as authoritative and is reviewed by the supervisor for such matters as fulfillment of objectives, compatibility with other work, and effect on achieving overall Agency strategic goals and objectives.

Guidelines (Level 3-4, 450 points)

- Guidelines include EPA and federal rules, regulations, methodology, practices and theory related to the programs assigned. The employee operates within broad program guidelines, including general administrative policies, EPA regulations, public law, and precedents. The available guidelines provide general direction, but do not have specific applicability to the wide variety of situations encountered. The employee uses a high degree of initiative and resourcefulness in deviating from traditional methods or researching trends and patterns to develop new methods, criteria or proposed new policies, providing the supervisor comprehensive recommendations on circumstances requiring significant deviation from existing guides.
- The position further requires that the incumbent be thoroughly familiar with the entire organizational structure at the regional and national level, numerous programs, projects, and activities.

Complexity (Level 4-5, 325 points)

- Assignments require analysis of interrelated issues of effectiveness, efficiency, and productivity affecting major administrative programs of an agency. Studies are often complicated by the need to consider and evaluate the impact of changes in legislative and regulatory requirements; long-range program goals and objectives; political, economic, and social consequences of changes in the type or amount of services provided; or the changing nature of the program's clients and beneficiaries. Difficulty characteristic of this level is encountered in planning and establishing the long-range program goals, objectives, and measurement criteria.
- Decisions about how to proceed in planning, organizing, and conducting studies are complicated by conflicting program goals and objectives which may derive from changes in legislative or regulatory guidelines, productivity, and/or variations in the demand for program services. Assignments are further complicated by: the need to deal with subjective concepts such as value judgments; the quality and quantity of actions are measurable primarily in predictive terms; and findings and conclusions are highly subjective and not readily susceptible to verification through replication of study methods or reevaluation of results.
- Options, recommendations, and conclusions developed by the employee take into account and give appropriate weight to uncertainties about the data and other variables, which affect long-range program performance. For example, the employee may need to consider and assess the relative advantages and disadvantages of centralizing or decentralizing work operations in organizations with several echelons of geographically separated components. Work may be complicated by the need to develop data about workload and program accomplishments, which is currently unavailable.

Scope And Effect (Level 5-4, 225 points)

- The purpose of the work is to plan and carry out a variety of important special project activities. The work involves establishing criteria to measure and/or predict the attainment of program or organizational goals and objectives. Work at this level may also include developing related administrative regulations, such as those governing the allocation and distribution of personnel, supplies, equipment, and other resources, or promulgating program guidance for application across organizational lines or in varied geographic locations.
- Work contributes to the improvement of productivity, effectiveness, and efficiency in program operations, and/or administrative support activities at different echelons and/or geographical locations within the organization. Work affects the plans, goals, and effectiveness of missions

and programs at these various echelons or locations. Work may affect the nature of administrative work done in components of other agencies.

Personal Contacts (Level 6-3, 60 points)

• This position requires that the incumbent have frequent and responsible contacts with all levels of personnel at EPA-Region 7, Headquarters, and other regional offices, representatives of federal or state regulatory agencies and professional organizations.

Purpose Of Contacts (Level 7-3, 120 points)

• The purpose is to provide advice and influence managers or other officials to accept and implement findings and recommendations on organizational improvement or program effectiveness. May encounter resistance due to such issues as organizational conflict, competing objectives, or resource problems.

Physical Demands (Level 8-1, 5 points)

• The work is primarily sedentary, although some slight physical effort may be required.

Work Environment (Level 9-1, 5 points)

• The work is typically performed in an adequately lighted and climate controlled office. May require occasional travel.

Level 1-8 1550 Points

Level 2-4 450 Points

Level 3-4 450 Points

Level 4-5 325 Points

Level 5-4 225 Points

Level 6-3 60 Points

Level 7-3 120 Points

Level 8-1 5 Points

Level 9-1 5 Points

Total Points: 3190

(GS-13 = 3155-3600 points)

THIS POSITION IS NOT IN THE MEDICAL MONITORING PROGRAM.

THIS POSITION IS NOT IN THE DRUG TESTING PROGRAM.

Extramural Resources Management Duties Checklist

This checklist must be used with all PDs to identify the percentage of time an employee is engaged in duties related to managing contracts, grants, cooperative agreements, and interagency agreements. For positions requiring performance of these duties for 25% or more of the employees time, in addition to this checklist, such duties must also be described in the body (major duties area) of the PD.

Percentage of Time Spent on Extramural Resource Management cruitment			
Name	This position has no extramural resources		
	management responsibilities.		
Position Number	X Total extramural resources management duties		
122400.26	occupy less than 25% of time.		
Title Management & Program Analyst	Total extramural resources management duties		
	occupy 25% to 50% of time. These duties are indicated below and described in the position description.		
Series/Grade GS0343-13	Total extramural resources management duties		
	occupy more than 50% of time. These duties are indicated below and described in the position description.		
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When this checklist is used as an amendment to a po	osition description, the following signatures are required:		
Supervisor's Signature	Date 3-17-11		
Personnel Specialist's Jude Box	Chart Date 3/29/11		
Pre-award: Plans Procurements Estimates Costs Obtains funding committments Prepares procurement requests Writes statements of work Reviews statements of work Processes unsolicited proposals Responds to pre-award inquiries Participates in pre-award conferences Conducts technical evaluation of proposals Participates in debriefing/protests Other (lists)	Monitors management and performance of delivery orders/work assignments after award Defines scope of work for work assignments Approves payment requests of ACH drawdowns Manages cost-reimbursement contracts Reviews invoices Inspects and accepts deliverables Other (list) Close-out: Writes reports on contractor performance, costs, and tasks performed Reconciles payments with work performance		
	Closes-out payments Performs cost accounting		
Post-award:	Provides assistance to Contracting Officer in		
Prepares delivery orders	settling claims		
Reviews contractor work plans	Other (list)		
Reviews contractor progress reports Monitors government-furnished property	Percentage of Time Spent on Contracts Management		
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performance of contract after award	.%		
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Part 2. Grants/Cooperative Agreements Dutles	x Advises Grants Management Office of potential
Des application / Application	problems/Issues
Pre-application/Application:	x Participates in decisions/actions to ensure
Prepares solicitation for proposals	successful project completion and in decisions to
x Identifies potential grantees for area of program	mpose sanctions
emphasis	x Approves payments requests or ACH drawdowns
Makes initial determinations (whether project is	x Reviews requests for modifications, additional
procurement or assistance, whether agency has	
legal authority, whether applicant is eligible,	x Grants Management Office
whether funding is available, etc.)	x Negotiates amendments
x Provides administrative information to applicants	x Reviews Cost/Price/Analysis for recipient
x Determines appropriateness of applicant's	contracts/change orders (Superfund only)
workplan/activities/budget and compliance with	x When necessary, recommends termination of the
regulations and guidelines and negotiates changes	agreement
with applicant	x Resolves with Grants Management Office
x Assists applicant in resolving issues in application	administrative and financial issues
For cooperative agreement, determines substantial	Conducts periodic reviews to ensure compliance
Federal involvement and develops a condition for	with agreement
agreement	Other (list)
Negotiates level of funding	Other (list)
x Conducts site visits to evaluate program capability	Close-out:
x Serves as resource to Selection Panel x Informs applicants of funding decisions	x Certifies deliverables were satisfactory and timely
	x Provides assistance to recipients and Grants
Other (list)	Management Office to ensure timely close-out
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Award:	x Notifies recipient of close-out requirements
x Prepares funding package, Including Decision	x Obtains legal assistance If necessary to resolve
Memorandum	incomplete close-out
x Obtains concurrences/approvals	x If project is audited, responds to issues and ensures
x Reviews/concurs in completed document	recipient complies with audit recommendations
x Establishes project file	Other (list)
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Project Management/Administration: x Monitors recipient's activities and progress x Reviews reports and deliverables and notifies recipient of comments x Provides technical assistance to recipients	Agreements Management 25 %
Part 3. Interagency Agreements Duties	
Pre-Agreement:	Monitors cost management and overall technical
Plans and negotiates work effort	performance
Estimates costs	Participates In decisions about project
Obtains funding commitments	modification/termination
Prepares commitment notice	Conducts periodic review of Superfund State
Writes or reviews scope of work	Contracts payments receipts (Superfund only)
Responds to pre-agreement inquiries	Inspects and accepts deliverables
Participates in pre-agreement conferences	Other (list)
Coordinates with appropriate staff in developing	to the same of the
Independent Government Cost Estimates (IGEs)	Close-out:
Negotiates and ensures execution of Superfund	Reviews final report
State Contracts (Superfund only)	Decides on disbursement of equipment
Performs technical evaluation of work plan and	Reconciles payments with work performed
budget	Povious Superfield State Control to the
Prepares funding package and obtains necessary	Reviews Superfund State Contracts to ensure full
	reimbursement (Superfund only)
concurrences	Certifies deliverables
Other (list)	Resolves close-out issues with Grants Management Office/other agency Other (list)
Project Management/Administration:	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
Reviews progress reports/financial reports	Percentage of Time Spent on Interagency Agreements Management:
35	%

POSITION DESCRIPTION AMENDMENT					
Elizabeth Kramer	ORGANIZATION LOCATION OF POSITION Region 7, Enforcement Coordinator Office				
POSITION TITLE	SERIES	GRADE	POSITION NUMBER		
Management & Program Analyst	GS-0343	13	00070116		
AMENDMENT					

Background: Historically, there have been many occasions at which the cross-over of Environmental Justice (EJ) and Community Involvement (CI) work was apparent and in some cases duplicative, particularly when sites, areas, or concerns being addressed through community involvement protocols (statutorily required) had potential EJ concerns. As a result, there is a strong business case to bring the EJ coordination function and the CI functions together. Combining these functions will remove the redundancy and overlap in our community engagement resulting in work-process efficiencies.

<u>Duties</u>: Incumbent plans, evaluates, and implements various communication strategies for regional Environmental Justice (EJ) and Community Involvement (Cl) programs. Develops and coordinates educational programs and outreach efforts designed to encourage public involvement in the Agency's decision making process. Evaluates the impact of program activities on the public and suggests methods for maximizing public response. Establishes and maintains partnerships with residents, special interest groups, local business (i.e., day care centers and realtors), district school boards, environmental liaison groups, town board members, congressional staff, health agencies, and technical grant advisors, local, state and other federal agencies. Maintains a thorough understanding of Agency programs, necessary to anticipate significant impacts program changes might have upon public opinion and concerns.

Serves as an expert for coordinating EJ and CI programs and developing implementing outreach activities designed to inform and involve the public. Evaluates problems encountered in communicating the region's EJ and CI programs and advises program staff on specific information activities designed to meet those problems which may be critical in nature. Establishes and maintains effective working relationships with EPA programmatic and technical staff and impacted communities to ensure that communities' attitudes towards the program initiatives reflect an accurate understanding of established goals.

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